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CURTAIN RISES ON A WORLD'S FAIR.
France Invites the Nations of the
Earth to View the Progress
of Civilization.

M. LOUBET THROWS OPEN THE GATES.

America Leads All Foreign Powers in Exhibits—Scenes of Splendor Worthy
of the Empire, Though the Expo-
sition Is Not Yet Complete.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Saturday, April 14.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—Amid pomp and pageantry that would have been magnificent even for the Empire, the French Republic formally inaugurated today its third exposition.

While the exercises and scenes were inspiring, the affair was purely formal as the Exposition is in no sense completed. The Salle des Fêtes in which the exercises occurred is itself part of the machinery building. To reach it those who had invitations were obliged to climb over packing cases and wade through white dust and pools of water.

"The Exposition of 1900," wrote M. Jules Roche, then Minister of Commerce, in the decree which authorized the organization, "will constitute the synthesis and will determine the philosophy of the Nineteenth Century," and this great work, so proudly announced, saw its realization today, despite all doubts in the safety of the Republic and its somewhat stormy recent experiences. For the moment politics were forgotten and Dryfus was unthought of.

There was but one discordant note. As President Loubet left the hall a strong, shrill voice yelled: "A bas la République!"

The crowd surged angrily in the direction when the voice came, and took up the counter cry, "Vive la République!"

EXPOSITION FORMALLY
OPENED TO THE WORLD.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Saturday, April 14.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—The formal opening of the Exposition of 1900, which was inaugurated today, was a most magnificent affair. The ceremony was presided over by President Loubet, who was accompanied by the members of the Government and the heads of the various nations.

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THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL PAVILION AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

AMERICA'S LESSON TO THE NATIONS.

BY FERDINAND W. PECK.

(United States Commissioner to the Paris Exposition.)
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Paris, Saturday, April 14.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—The great international exhibition which France presents to the world today will be, in my judgment, all things considered, the greatest event of its kind in history.

The impressiveness and artistic beauty of the French buildings and grounds, as they now appear, exceed all expectations, and cannot be fairly portrayed by any description or illustration on paper that can be made by human pen or pencil.

The United States has a prominent part in this great international affair, and our number of exhibitors will exceed that of any of the foreign nations. The representative character of our exhibits will be better known when the installation on the part of all nations is sufficiently advanced to permit them to be viewed relatively.

The battle between the nations has already begun in the struggle with each other for the most expensive installation. Thus far the United States, notwithstanding its distance with which it has had to contend, as compared with other great nations, is not behind, and I believe that there will be no more valuable exhibit made by our country than the object lesson to the world of American promptness.

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AGED MILLIONAIRE
FATALLY WOUNDED.Mrs. Louisa Lottridge, Who Was
Alone With Him, Placed
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SHOOTING IN A CHICAGO HOTEL.

Rufus Wright, the Victim, Corroborates
the Woman's Story
That It Was Purely
an Accident.

Chicago, April 14.—Rufus Wright, a 70-year-old millionaire and treasurer of the firm of Moran & Wright, bicycle the manufacturer, is lying at the point of death in a room of the Leland Hotel, shot through the neck by a bullet from the revolver of Mrs. Louisa Lottridge of Paw-Taw, Mich.

The shooting occurred in the apartments occupied by the woman, and she and the victim declare it was accidental. The police were not apprised of the tragedy until two hours after it had occurred, and when Detective Sergeant Burns arrived at the hotel he found Mrs. Lottridge there.

He at once placed her under arrest and she is being detained at the Harrison Street Police Station. A friend, who had spent several hours with her previous to the shooting, was also arrested. She gives her name as Mrs. Ida Ross.

Much mystery attaches to the shooting. Both victim and Mrs. Lottridge persist in saying it was accidental, while the police hold that from the location of the wound there is doubt as to the truth of the declaration. Captain Colman, the Chief of Detectives, says the stories of the two, while they tally as regards the cause of the shooting, differ in detail.

The story told by the woman is that Wright, who had spent two hours in the room, was sitting at a table when she entered. She made no resistance when Detective Burns told her she was under arrest. She simply said the shooting was accidental, and expressed her willingness to accompany the officer to jail.

At the Central Police Station she positively refused to talk of the shooting. The woman registered at the hotel April 11, when she arrived in company with Mrs. Ida Ross, who was arrested after the shooting. Mrs. Ross spent every night with her friend and left yesterday only a few minutes before Wright arrived at the hotel, in answer to a note from Mrs. Lottridge.

Mrs. Lottridge is a widow, 45 years old and of not very prepossessing appearance. She is nearly six feet tall and weighs about 150 pounds. What little she was elicited from her by Captain Colman.

She told the Chief of Detectives she had been acquainted with Wright for the last eight years, and that on every one of her visits to Chicago he had called on her. She owns property in Chicago, Detroit and several other places. For some time she has made her home in Chicago, staying at various hotels.

Mr. Wright is 70 years old and has a family. One daughter is the wife of Mr. Moran, his partner. Wright moved to Chicago fifteen years ago and has lived in considerable style.

Mrs. Ross, who denies all knowledge of the shooting, declares that she and Mrs. Lottridge had several drinks in the room of the latter, and when Mrs. Ross was about to leave the room Mrs. Lottridge announced that she intended to send for Mr. Wright.

According to the statement of Manager Dabb of the hotel, orders for wine were plentiful after the arrival of Wright. Several coolies in which the bottles were sent to the room, were found by Detective Burns. The orders ceased about 2 o'clock and half an hour after that the bellboy, Hugh Willis, hurried to the desk of the

ULTIMATUM FROM RUSSIA.

Persistent Report in St. Petersburg That the Czar
Will Demand a Cessation of South
African War.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The Czar and Czarina started last evening for Moscow.

Extraordinarily persistent rumors are current in Moscow that on Russian Easter Sunday the Czar will issue a manifesto containing an ultimatum to Great Britain demanding that she conclude peace with the Boers forthwith, under threat of occupying Cabul and Herat if Great Britain fails to comply.

This report is connected by some persons with the fact that no reservists are at present allowed to take unlimited leave, but probably the orders to the reservists are connected with the projected summer maneuvers in the central provinces, in which 200,000 troops will participate and at which Emperor William is expected to be present.

hotel often and notified Chief Clerk O'Brien that Doctor Hammond was wanted at once in the room occupied by Mrs. Lottridge. The clerk sent for Doctor Hammond, and the doctor found Wright lying on the bed suffering from a wound in his neck.

The bullet had entered on the left side and had lodged in the right shoulder, as far as could be ascertained. He attempted to probe for the bullet, but decided it too dangerous an operation, when he found it impossible to locate it. When Doctor Hammond took the revolver with which the shooting was done, Mrs. Lottridge attempted to take it from him, and struck him several times in the face. The condition of Wright at midnight was critical. Doctor Hammond expressed the opinion that the wound would prove mortal.

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LEADING TOPICS

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TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

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